

## United States District Court for the Western District of Arkansas

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### Jimm Larry Hendren

Chief Judge

Date of Birth: 1940  
Education: Arkansas 1964 BA, 1965 LLB  
Began Service: 1992  
Appointed By: President George H.W. Bush

**Judicial:** Chancellor and Probate Judge, Arkansas Chancery Court,  
Sixteenth District (1977-1978)

**Legal Practice:** Little & Enfield (1968-1969); Private Practice (1970-1977);  
Partner, Hendren & Hood (1986-1988)

**Military Service:** United States Navy (1965-1968); Military Judge,  
Department of the Navy (1969-1970); United States Naval Reserve  
(1970-1983)

### Chambers of Chief Judge Jimm Larry Hendren *continued*

**Current Memberships:** American Association of Justice; American Bar  
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### Harry F. Barnes

District Judge

Date of Birth: 1932  
Education: Naval Acad 1956 BS; Arkansas 1964 LLB  
Began Service: 1993  
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton

**Judicial:** Judge, Municipal Court (1975-1982); Judge, Arkansas Circuit  
Court, 30th Judicial District (1982-1993)

**Legal Practice:** Partner, Pryor & Barnes (1964-1966); Partner, Barnes  
& Roberts (1966-1968); Partner, Gaughan, Laney, Barnes & Roberts  
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**Military Service:** United States Marine Corps (1956-1961); United States  
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### Robert T. Dawson

District Judge

Date of Birth: 1938  
Education: Arkansas 1960 BA, 1965 LLB  
Began Service: April 15, 1998  
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton

**Government:** Member, Fort Smith School Board (1976-1982); President,  
Fort Smith School Board (1979-1980)

**Legal Practice:** Hardin, Dawson & Terry (and predecessor firms)  
(1965-1998)

**Military Service:** United States Army (1961-1962)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; American Board of  
Trial Advocates; The University of Arkansas Alumni Association

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### Audrey R. Evans

Chief Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1945  
Education: Texas 1967 BA; Arkansas 1983 JD  
Began Service: February 19, 2002  
Term Expires: February 2016

**Academic:** Adjunct Professor, University of Arkansas at Little Rock (1999)

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk The Honorable G. Thomas Eisele, United States  
District Court for the Eastern District of Arkansas (1983-1985)

**Government:** Member, State Board of Law Examiners, State of Arkansas  
(1996-2001)

**Legal Practice:** Wright, Lindsey & Jennings, LLP (1985-1990); Partner,  
Lax, Vaughn, Evans & Fortson, PA (1991-2001)

**Current Memberships:** American Bankruptcy Institute; American Bar  
Association; American College of Bankruptcy; Arkansas Association  
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### James G. Mixon

Bankruptcy Judge (recalled)

Date of Birth: 1941  
Education: Arkansas 1968 LLB  
Began Service: December 1, 2006  
Term Expires: December 1, 2009

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk The Honorable John A. Fogleman, Arkansas  
Supreme Court (1968-1969)

**Government:** Assistant United States Attorney, Eastern District of  
Arkansas, United States Department of Justice (1969-1973); City Attorney,  
State of Arkansas (1975-1977); Member, Office of the City Council, City  
of Bentonville, Arkansas (1978-1982)

**Judicial:** Chief Bankruptcy Judge, United States Bankruptcy Court for the  
Eastern District of Arkansas; Bankruptcy Judge, United States Bankruptcy  
Court for the Western District of Arkansas (1984-2006); Bankruptcy  
Judge, United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of  
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**Legal Practice:** Private Practice (1969-1973); Partner, Little, McCollum &  
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**Military Service:** United States Navy (1963-1965)

**Current Memberships:** Arkansas Bar Association; Debtor-Creditor Bar  
Association of Central Arkansas; National Conference of Bankruptcy  
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